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## A BRIGHT RAY OF LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS

The Democracy of Missouri Has Some of Its Best Timber in the State Senate

And in the Next Session of That Body Will Do Much to Overcome the Great Disaster

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 12.—(Special Correspondence.)—Substantially, high-class material from which to build the organization and select a floor leader for the democratic minority in the senatorial division of the Fifty-first General Assembly which convenes early next January, exists in the hold-over senators, Thomas J. Lysaght of St. Joseph, Walter Browlee of Brookfield, Frank G. Harris of Columbia, Frisby H. McCullough of Edina, Robert M. Lacey of Versailles, William W. Bowker of Nevada, Carter M. Buford of Ellington, and S. A. Cunningham of Eminence, not to consider the known parliamentary qualifications and experience of the seven or eight democratic newly-elected who safely weathered the political cyclone of election day.

The fifteen or sixteen Democratic state senators who will compose the minority in the upper half of the 1921 legislature, possess the requisite wisdom and capacity to safely steer the much battered and torn, but still staunch and reliable dreadnaught, Missouri Democracy into a secure haven and build the nucleus around which the rehabilitating and rejuvenating for the fall campaign of 1922 is to be centered.

### A Light in the Darkness

James Whitecotton of Paris, Monroe county, a lawyer of exceptional talent and a past master in legislative affairs, is the next democratic state senator from the Thirteenth district, which includes, besides Monroe county, Marion, Dallas and Randolph counties. He was for six consecutive terms, or twelve years, 1897 to 1909, representative from Monroe county. During the Forty-first and Forty-second General Assemblies, Senator-elect Whitecotton was Speaker of the House, holding this high legislative honor for four years. He has already been mentioned, because of his vast knowledge and experience in legislative affairs, as the man of the hour for the trying but high honor of floor leader of the Democratic minority.

Baylis T. Gordon of Liberty, Clay county, is another newly elected democratic senator who has had previous legislative experience. He was a member of the House from Clay county during both the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth General Assemblies. He is a lawyer and farmer. He can be safely relied upon to take a leading part with the hold-over democratic senators, and Senator Whitecotton, in keeping the unwelcome nightmare, the "mysterious stranger" who has reappeared in Missouri stronger, and more formidable than at the time of his last visit in 1908; from forever making the state hopelessly republican. Besides Clay county, the district that Senator Gordon will represent is composed of Andrew, Clinton, DeKalb, Holt and Platte counties.

### Another Man of the Hour

Newly elected democratic senator Jefferson D. Hostetter, a lawyer of Bowling Green, Pike county, was a member of the House from that same county in both the Forty-Ninth and the Fiftieth General Assemblies. The fact that he was democratic floor leader in the House during the strenuous 1919 session when the republicans had a majority and ran the affairs of that division of the Fiftieth General Assembly, well fits him, not alone to be democratic floor leader in the next Senate, but, also, to be one of the Missouri democrats to whom will be allotted the task of reincarnating and otherwise giving renewed vim, vigor and vitality to what is left of the sadly shattered, scattered, only reliable party. The district of Senator Hostetter comprises the ever sterling, never failing democratic bailiwicks, Audrain, Lincoln and Pike counties.

Tilman Anderson On the Job  
Newly elected State Senator Tilman W. Anderson, a farmer and stockman of Scott county, is keen, discerning, alert and concentrating enough to have been intrusted by the French government during the World War

with the huge responsibility of purchasing horses for it in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. In course of the hostilities he bought in excess of 10,000 horses suitable for cavalry and other war service and never once erred in his judgment. His home is at Commerce. He was Scott county's representative during the 1919 General Assembly and there gained the legislative experience which will be an asset to democracy when he faces the enemy in the next Fifty-first Senate. The counties, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott and Stoddard, in Southeast Missouri, make up the district Senator Anderson is to represent.

Senator Joseph H. Brogan, who, in the Fifty-first Senate, together with Senator Michael Kinney, will represent, approximately, 115,000 voting democratic men and women of St. Louis city, deserves great credit for the phenomenal winning race he made in this hopelessly republican stronghold. The efficiency record of Senator Brogan during twelve years of service in the Missouri Senate, commencing with the year 1908, and his great popularity in the city of his birth made his election possible in a St. Louis district which otherwise went heavily republican. When Senator Brogan completes the present term it will mean the close of sixteen years in this division of the Missouri legislature. By the time his fourth term draws to a close Missouri will again be safely democratic.

### No Opposition to Senator Kinney

So strongly entrenched was Senator Michael Kinney in his senatorial district which takes in the retail and wholesale business centers of St. Louis that the republicans could find no one willing enough to accept the nomination in opposition. The honor of being elected to the Senate from St. Louis for the third consecutive term went to Senator Kinney entirely unopposed, a fact which speaks in an emphatic and conclusive manner for his past senatorial record. In 1912 he succeeded his brother, the much lamented Democratic senator, Thomas E. Kinney.

Both the St. Louis senator, and Senator M. C. Casey of Kansas City, who was re-elected for a fourth consecutive term, dating back to 1908, are being suggested as available, efficient and well-seasoned timber for democratic senatorial floor leader during the ordeal which is to come. Senator Casey represented Kansas City in the House for three terms, six years before he was elected to the exalted place he now holds, giving him a total of eighteen years of legislative experience.

### The Ninth in Doubt

At this writing it was not known whether or not Elmer O. Jones of LaPlata had been elected democratic senator from the Ninth district which includes Adair, Macon and Shelby counties, but it was thought he had a slight lead. He represented Macon county in the Fiftieth General Assembly.

Available returns indicate that J. R. Herford, Odessa, democratic nominee for the Senate from the Seventeenth district, Louis E. Browning, Lowry City, democratic nominee from the Sixteenth district, and James F. Fullbright, Doniphan, democratic nominee for the Twenty-first district, have gone down in defeat but by margins close enough to have made their races worth while.

The other democratic senatorial nominees, Marshall E. Ford of Maryville; Wallace Green of Kansas City; Mel T. Henderson of Sedalia; Charles E. Reid of Oars; Louis S. Rephlo of Jefferson City, and Robert C. Utter of St. Louis, were swamped by their republican opponents.

Senator Irwin for President Pro-tem  
It is probable that the newly elected republican senator, W. C. Irwin, of Jefferson City, will have the glory of being president pro-tem of the Fifty-first Senate thrust upon him. The Democrat defeated in Louis S. Rephlo, mayor and a leading banker of Jefferson City. Senator-elect

### TO GERRYMANDER COUNTY

Not Only Is the State to be Given the "Once Over" But Buchanan County as Well.

Not only is republican rule to be perpetuated in the state of Missouri, through the gerrymander, but Buchanan county is also to suffer from the same disease, and the inoculation is to occur at the earliest consistent moment. It is a well known fact that at the present there are three out of the four legislative districts in this county which are democratic.

The gap end of the county court it is stated will look with decided favor on a redistribution, which would be laid out along these lines and which would give the party another sure legislative district. The new project would make it read this way: First district, First, Second, and Third wards.

Second district, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth.

Third district, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth wards.

Fourth district, all of rural Buchanan county.

The gerrymander claim that there is no politics in the above redistribution, that it would simply make the districts "more compact and contiguous." That's so, Pete—fancy that no one ever thought of that before the county went sop.

### WANT ROBERTS ON MURDER CHARGE

Fred Roberts of Kansas City, who is held in the jail here awaiting trial on the charge of holding up the interurban station here last summer, is now wanted by the authorities of Kansas City, who claim that he is mixed up in the Florence Barton murder, which occurred at that place Oct. 3. The authorities of that place have asked the authorities here to give up the prisoner, but so far the local officials have refused, as they do not care to drop their charges here until more definite charges are filed by the Kansas City people.

### Irwin Represented Cole County in the House during the session of 1911, the Forty-sixth General Assembly.

Republican senator A. E. L. Gardner of Kirksville, who, for four terms, or sixteen years, commencing with 1905, represented the three "gop" strongholds, Gasconade, Franklin and St. Louis counties, comprising the Twenty-fifth Senatorial district, and constantly was the republican floor leader, will be missing from a body over which he would have presided as president pro-tem owing to his extensive legislative experience and ability, knowledge of parliamentary laws and proceedings and his adaptability as a leader, had he not been defeated for renomination at the August primary. Richard F. Ralph of Valley Park, the retiring republican prosecuting attorney of St. Louis county, succeeds Senator Gardner.

### Complication Already Face "Gop" Senate

With the incoming Senate so closely divided between democrats and republicans that the death of or even illness serious enough to incapacitate a "gop" senator, would evenly balance the two political divisions, a complication already faces the incoming controlling faction. As soon as the official count of the election is promulgated by Secretary of State Sullivan, Senator Conway Elder, a republican holdover representing St. Louis city who has been elected to the more exalted position of supreme court judge, will send in his resignation as a state senator. A special election will be necessary to fill the vacancy. The regime of Governor Gardner is so close to its end that this executive will probably leave the exalted honor of calling the special election to Missouri's newly elected governor, Arthur M. Hyde. This will transfer the cost of the special election to the incoming republican administration, where it rightfully belongs, and not add the expense of a costly governmental function to the account of the retiring democratic administration.

Until a new senator is elected to succeed Senator Elder the business of the new Senate will be seriously delayed. Half of the regular session of seventy days will be gone.

Senator Lysaght of St. Joseph, Frank G. Harris of Columbia, Frisby H. McCullough of Edina, and Carter M. Buford of Ellington, have boosters who are anxious to see each made democratic floor leader of the new senate. For Senator Buford, attention is called to the fact that the honor rightfully belongs to him owing to his being the recent democratic nominee for lieutenant-governor.

A. T. EDMONSTON.

### KEEP NORMALCY IN MIND

"In less than two years every man will note the importance of keeping 'normalcy' in mind," said Billy Linn yesterday, "for he will see the actual return to normalcy in forty cent corn, seventy-five cent wheat, fair dollar hog, and all of the attributes of that kind that are a certain indication that normalcy has returned."

### DALE AND STONE WIN

Buchanan County Jurors Say Santa Fe and O. K. Railroad Must Pay for Negligence.

A jury in Judge Vorles' division of the circuit court Tuesday awarded Mrs. Ira Dale a verdict of \$18,899 for personal injuries sustained by her on June 6th last when a Santa Fe motor car, upon which she was a passenger, collided with a locomotive engine of the O. K. road at a grade crossing near Plattsmouth in Clinton county and was thrown off the track and overturned.

The case following the Dale case on the docket was that of James C. Stone, a young man eighteen years of age, who was injured in the same wreck in which Mrs. Dale was injured. Besides cuts and bruises in various parts of his body, Stone sustained severe injuries to his hip and back, which have rendered him unable to walk without the aid of a cane. A jury on Wednesday awarded him a verdict of \$15,000.

Both plaintiffs were represented by Judge Miles Elliott and the firm of Duvall & Boyd. The railroad companies were represented by Culver & Phillip, B. G. Voorhees, J. G. Trimble and James A. Lydick.

### ARMISTICE DAY

A St. Joseph Post Honors a Tribute to the Boys Who Took Part.

It was November, the eleventh day, in nineteen-eighteen, and by way. Over news of joy the whistles blew. And all the bells in town rang too. Such stars and stripes; one grand array.

Our national colors gave display. Glad news came nations wild delight. For peace was once again in sight.

The Armistice was signed that date. For which we eagerly did wait. Hurras and shouts of glad good cheer Were heard from far away and near.

This peace pledge gave our soldiers right To lay down arms and no more fight.

In answer to our country's call "Over seas" they went to stand or fall.

Tears were for joy and sorrow shed; While aching hearts of mothers bled.

For sons no more on earth, they'd meet. And stand with open arms to greet.

Some wept tears, they were for joy. To think they'd welcome home their boy.

Naught was too good, fond mothers said; For their home-coming table spread.

During Argonne's rage, midst bomb and shell Scores and scores of brave ones fell.

The truth did General Sherman tell: When he declared that "War is hell."

In foreign fields our brave ones sleep. While mothers, wives, and sweethearts weep.

In Flanders field where poppies blow, Are mounds and crosses row on row.

Our American men showed gallant fight. For home and U. S. country's right.

While some escaped unharmed and well. On French soil many brave ones fell.

Yes, sons of mothers fought the foe While human blood in streams did flow.

We hope the time will come when we No more wars on earth will see.

Each year we'll celebrate and pay A tribute to Armistice day. In honor to our soldiers brave—

Let U. S. flags and bunting wave. Let patriotism have full swing. Let wildest blow and joy bells ring.

Our grateful thanks to God we owe For cruel wars final overthrow. E. JESBERG.

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### UNTIL THEY QUIT

Henry L. Dillingham Is Going to Keep on Running as Long as Soratchers Exist.

For years—and then several more years added—Henry L. Dillingham, who is one of the best Democrats in grand old Platte county, has been serving as justice of the peace, he being elected with striking regularity each election. This was the case at the election the other day, no matter if almost every democrat who aspired in the United States was defeated.

Henry has a horror as do all good Platte county Democrats of the "scratched" ballot, and does not himself know how to use a pencil. As Henry usually has four or five ballots against him—they being scratched—he now announces that the only way to get rid of him is to quit scratching his name. Here is what the Platte County Landmark says of Henry's resolve:

"Henry L. Dillingham, candidate for justice of the peace of Carroll township, resolved about half a dozen scratches this election. He says he is going to quit for that office until the voters (that he didn't use the word voters) quit scratching him. So if you have any idea he shouldn't have the office you are simply wasting time scratching his name."

### DEATH OF REV. BOLEN

A Former Well Known and Popular Minister of This City Dies at Shelby.

Several hundred people gathered at the Heaton-Bellows parlors Thursday forenoon to attend the last rites over the remains of the Rev. Henry C. Bolen, a former well known Methodist preacher of this city who for several years was stationed at the Olive street church. His death occurred at Shelby, Mo., Monday, and the remains were brought here to his former home for burial. He was seventy-eight years of age, and his entire life had been spent in the ministry.

Beside his wife he is survived by these seven children: J. H. G. V. and Miss Bettie Bolen, St. Joseph; Mrs. S. G. Stuart, Harrisonville, Mo.; Mrs. J. A. Veasey, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. H. Williamson, Carrollton, Mo.; and Mrs. M. Moore, Hunnewell, Mo. Interment was in Mt. Mora.

### UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS

St. Joseph had but two representatives to the annual convention of the United Confederate Veterans of Missouri which met at Springfield last week, they being D. F. Bone and Albert Critchfield. The ranks of the "old boys" are getting very thin now. The convention transacted considerable business and concluded its sessions with the election of Major General W. C. Bronaugh, Kansas City, commander for Missouri; T. C. Holland, Steadman, brigadier general of the eastern division; W. C. Harrelson, brigadier general for the western division; Lewis Renfro, of Greenfield, was elected honorary brigadier general of the state for life.

### TROUBLE OVER WATER WORKS VALUE

According to advices received by Mayor Marshall the firm of Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City, the consulting engineers who have been employed to value the St. Joseph waterworks, the firm is having considerable trouble in trying to reach a valuation, on account of not being able to agree with the water company on the value of certain lengths of pipe. If the bond proposition No. 3 has carried, St. Joseph may now be able to acquire its waterworks and issue bonds against the purchase price.

### GOV. DOCKERY IS SERIOUSLY ILL

The thousands of friends in this section of Missouri of that Alexander Monroe Dockery, now third assistant postmaster general, will regret to hear that he is seriously ill at his Washington home and that his condition is regarded as grave. Gov. Dockery is one of the grand old men of the present generation and such a one as cannot be well-garbed. The hope is universal that he will soon recover.

### JUDGE UTZ CALLS A GRAND JURY

While there is no special reason assigned for the calling of a grand jury, yet the fact that Judge Utz last week did call a special panel to meet here next Monday is causing considerable uneasiness in certain quarters. It is said by the "knowing ones" that the jury will have much to look into.

### WHAT IS THE TRUE AMERICANISM?

THAT ONE MAN IS LAUDED FOR HAVING AND THE OTHER DENOUNCED FOR LACKING

THE QUALITY THAT IS MUCH IN DISPUTE

Some Now Claim That It Has Been So Much Shot at, Clabbed and Otherwise Mismanaged by the Spirit of Greed and Selfishness That It Has Swept Over the Land That It Is a Wonder That a Single Shred of the Original Article Now Remains.

### To the Editor of The Observer—

How short of this paper we have heard this word used, discussed and debated. One man is lauded in the press for his display of pure and virtuous democracy, another's attempt for his alleged lack of it. Most of the fact-stories who lead on our pages and a large percentage of our native-born population are accused to be "against it." Some say it is dead, being, being killed, smothered out and has no life left. That it has been "shot at, clabbed and otherwise mismanaged by the spirit of greed and selfishness" is a wonder that a single shred of the original article can be found anywhere.

To define means to make definite, to show up clearly and plainly, to mark out the limits of a thing, and to show all that lies within those limits. By separating the word into its different elemental ideas and then recombining them, let us see, if we cannot get some clear idea as to what this word Americanism means.

America is the name given to a large and more or less well defined portion of the earth's surface, and has been applied more particularly to what is known as The United States.

American means of, or pertaining to, America.

Idea means beliefs, customs, and practices. Good! Then speaking broadly Americanism means the beliefs, customs, and practices of America, or rather the people of America. But we find that this definition is most too broad for our purpose and we must draw the limits closer. Perhaps we can get the right idea from some other familiar subject. Let us consider what is meant by Methodism. Catholicism, and the various other religious faiths we are familiar with. Using the definition in its broad sense and saying that Methodism is the beliefs, customs, and practices of the sect known as Methodists, we can readily see that it takes in too much territory for the reason that many of the beliefs of the Methodists are held in common with all the other sects of the Christian church, and some of them in common with all other religions, and the enumeration of these common beliefs does not describe a Methodist any more than it would any of the others who believe the same things. One can readily see, then that to describe a Methodist it is necessary to specify those beliefs and customs wherein he is different from all others. It is only these different and peculiar beliefs that constitute the distinguishing features of each sect. And this is true of all sects, parties, groups, and nations. People and things are classed together in groups because of likeness, and the groups are separated from each other because of difference.

### Now Make the Application

Now let us try to make the application of this idea to our word Americanism. It has been defined in terms of every good personal quality under the sun; truthfulness, honesty, patriotism, optimism, industry, charity; by some it is conceived that its principal ingredient is education, and on this theory schools have been established for the teaching of Americanism, which teaching means principally of the common language, and is no more fit to incite Americanism than English, French, or any other language. Do we consider the ability to extract the cube root of a number, or to calculate the capacity of a cypress as constituting Americanism? Do we not find all these qualities we have named among the people of all nations? Certainly we do, and we do not consider them Americanism either.

Americanism must be something distinctly belonging to the American people, not qualities we have in common with all other peoples of the world.

In describing an American we

### FIRST ONE TO SIT

Walthall H. Moore of St. Louis, a Colored Man, Is Elected to Legislature.

When the St. Joseph delegation to the legislature reaches the house of representatives at Jefferson City the coming history, the members will see something that is entirely new in Missouri—and that is a colored man sitting as a member of the lower house. Walthall H. Moore, of his name, and his first name, is the first colored man to be elected to the Missouri legislature. He is the first colored man to be elected to the Missouri legislature. He is the first colored man to be elected to the Missouri legislature.

The statute requires that four members be elected to the legislature, that means more to a negro and less to a white man. Moore was elected to the legislature. He is the first colored man to be elected to the Missouri legislature. He is the first colored man to be elected to the Missouri legislature.

### WILL HAVE "PUNKIN" SHOW NEXT YEAR

At the meeting of the fall membership of the Fall Festival Association held at the Robinson Tuesday, almost every member was in favor of a farm show as a part of the fall festival programme next year. Some boys' racing was also suggested. At this meeting the election of directors was also held and those chosen are C. U. Philley, A. R. Colburn, John Goodrich, H. E. Wyatt, B. G. Voorhees, M. E. Mayer, R. L. Morris, A. H. Garlick, John W. Lendrick, E. J. Townsend and Fred Castle. The following named were named on the director's committee: J. S. Lutz, P. M. Ketter, Paul Polk, W. A. Bolen, W. F. Kirkpatrick, W. M. Clark and E. M. Lindsay. The directors will meet next Monday at the Robinson to elect officers for the year. The report of Harry Wyatt, treasurer, showed that the association has \$1.50 over all expenses this year.

### WILL ATTEND SOCIAL WELFARE CONVENTION

St. Joseph will send a large delegation to the coming week to attend the Missouri State Conference of Social Welfare, which convenes there Nov. 14, and continues until the 16th instants. The sessions will be held in the First Baptist church at that place. Dr. Daniel Morton of this city will read a paper, and other St. Joseph people will have a part in the programme. Among those who will attend from this city are Mrs. H. M. Robertson, Mrs. John Muir, Mrs. E. M. Platt, Mrs. W. K. James, Dr. Daniel Morton, Dr. O. C. Gehhart and Col. J. A. Corby. The St. Joseph delegation hopes to land the 1921 conference for this city.

### ATTENDED POLK-LORE SOCIETY MEETING

St. Joseph was represented at Kansas City this week in the Missouri Polk-Lore Society meeting held there on Thursday by Miss Mary Allena Owen, who discussed "The Legends of the Green," and Miss Jessie Cockburn who had for her subject "As luck would have it." Both handled their questions in a manner highly pleasing to those assembled.

### WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY FORENOON

There will be an important session held in the federal court room here this forenoon, at which time a representative of Federal Judge Alexander C. Clegg will hold a conference with the judges and the representatives of the various business enterprises relative to the wage situation. The wage law now in effect is subject to government regulation.

It is reported from Columbia that St. Joseph, Mo., has been the scene of a fight between the people of Howard county, who saved two terms in prison from the second district, finally gained all with the "good boys" but failed again, having voted for a certain person, although he had made a number of speeches in support of the League of Nations. Something must have been the mind at the last minute, and his friends are now wondering what that "something" would possibly have been.